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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 11497

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CB, JA, TH

SUBJECT: JAPANESE NEWSMAN AND THAI NATIONAL REMAIN IN CAMBODIA

REF: BANGKOK 10745

1. CAMBODIAN AUTHORITIES ARE CONTINUING TO HOLD JAPANESE NEWSMAN NAOKI MABUCHI AND THE ELDERLY THAI WHO ENTERED CAMBODIA AT POIPET APRIL 19 (REFTEL). MABUCHI, WHOM A FORMER AMERICAN ROOMMATE FROM PHNOM PENH HAS DESCRIBED AS BEING GENUINELY SYMPATHETIC TO THE KC CAUSE AND WHO THOUGHT KC LEADERS WERE AWARE OF HIS VIEWS, CROSSED INTO POIPET AFTER TAKING PICTURES AT THE BORDER FOR SEVERAL DAYS. THIS ACTION EVIDENTLY AROUSED CAMBODIAN SUSPICIOUS.

2. THE RTG, WHICH ONE MFA OFFICIAL SUGGESTED IS SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED OVER THE FACT THAT A FOREIGNER COULD WALK ACROSS THE BORDER SO EASILY WITHOUT BEING STOPPED BY THAI GUARDS, INSTRUCTED THAI LIAISON OFFICE CHIEF SANONG CHARUPAT TO ASK HIS CAMBODIAN COUNTERPART APRIL22 ABOUT THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE MEN. THE REPLY OF THE CAMBODIAN LIAISON OFFICER, WHICH THE MFA CONSIDERED "CORDIAL", WAS THAT AUTHORITIES WERE STILL INVESTIGATING THE SITUATION REGARDING THE TWO AND AWAITING WORD ON THE CASE FROM THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT IN PHNOM PENH. THE CAMBODIAN LIAISON OFFICER ALSO DENIED THAT THERE WAS ANY TORTURE OF THE DETAINEES BUT REJECTED A

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THAI REQUEST TO VISIT THE MEN.

3. RTG HOPES TO RECEIVE FURTHER WORD FROM THE CAMBODIAN  
SIDE THIS WEEK.  
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